



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DEBRIS REMOVAL HOF / SWINGER ACCESS SITE

Description of Proposal: This project will remove debris deposited by the 2009 flood in this area. The high precipitation of the severe winter storm caused flooding of the Nooksack River. At this site, there are two types of debris: 84 cubic yards of vegetative debris (75.5 feet x 10 feet x 3 feet), and 83 cubic yards of sand/ silt deposits (25 feet x 180 feet by 0.5 feet). Debris will be deposited out of the flood zone at an approved facility. See site drawings.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Washington, Whatcom County; Section 35, Township 40 North, Range 02 East WM 48.9435,-122.51051

The proposed project site is reached by proceeding north on Interstate 5. At Exit 256A-B take ramp right for Meridian Street/SR-539 North/Guide Meridian Road toward Linden. Turn right onto SR-539/Guide Meridian Road/Meridian Street. Bear right onto road. Enter roundabout. Exit roundabout at 2nd exit onto SR-539 North / Guide Meridian Street. Pass through 2 roundabouts remaining on SR539. Make a U turn at Bay-Lyn Dr, and bear right on River Road. The last intersection is Flynn Road before you arrive at the Hoff Access site (1.3 miles). Hoff Access site is on the left.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **November 16, 2010**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: November 2, 2010 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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